



**FROM THE COMMITTEE  
ON MODEL CRIMINAL  
JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

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The Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions has adopted the following new model criminal jury instruction, M Crim JI 3.33, a verdict form where a charge of open murder has been submitted to the jury, and has eliminated M Crim JI 16.24 as unnecessary. The effective date is March 1, 2020.

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**ADOPTED**

**[NEW]      M Crim JI 3.33    Verdict Form for Open Murder**

Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

Count No. \_\_\_\_      Charging open murder involving the death of [*name  
decedent*]

**POSSIBLE VERDICTS:**

You may return only one verdict on this count. Mark only one box on this sheet.

☐ Not guilty

[*Select from the options provided to the jury*]

☐ Guilty of first-degree premeditated murder

☐ Guilty of first-degree felony murder

☐ Guilty of first-degree premeditated murder and first-degree felony murder

☐ Guilty of the lesser offense of second-degree murder

☐ Guilty of the lesser offense of [manslaughter / voluntary manslaughter / involuntary manslaughter]

**M Crim JI 16.24 Degrees of Murder [deleted]**

**Note:** This instruction was deleted by the Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions on March 1, 2020 as being unnecessary in light of other jury instructions explaining the degrees of murder and the adoption of M Crim JI 3.33.